the objects in nature or with the body of man, though He
is immanent in both. Nature and man, as already stated
in the previous chapters, are not an illusion or appearance
or a deceptive mirage but real in relation to Him. All
great forms, inanimate or alive, material or spiritual, in time
or in space or in mind, are His shadows. All voices, language,
music, the inspired word, the sounds and breathings of
nature are His echoes. In fact, the world is His embodiment.
Humanity is His incarnation. The best among men are most
like Him. At the same time, neither the sublime nature nor
the divine lineaments of the best among mankind nor the
whole creation itself can give us an exhaustive picture of
Him, because He is indescribable and inexhaustible.
Again God, the Supreme Creator, cannot be. conceived
apart from Himself as the Protector. If the world is real,
it is real because of His Divine Power which animates it
and constitutes its immanent vitality. Every little child
is nourished by its mother. Every tree is sustained by the
hidden root. The main-spring causes and. sustains the
movements of the wheels in every time-piece. The universe,

viewed as a vast machinery, God is its Main-spring, a main-
spring' living in and operating through every part and particle
of the whole. The universe, viewed as a mighty tree, ('the
eternal banyan tree ' as the Kathopanishad describes it,
He is its unseen Root, a root drawing the sap, distributing
it to every part and vitalising the whole at every point.
The universe, viewed as a child, He is the Mother, a mother
incessantly pouring the milk of life and strength into all
objects and Beings.

According to Eishi Svetasvatara,

<' That one God is hidden in all things : He is omnipresent and the Inner Self of all. He superintends all work and lives in all beings. He is the witness, the Inspirer, detached and above the gunas.

The Inner Self, the Person of the measure of the thumb, lives always in
the heart of all; that giver of wisdom is revealed by the heart and by medita-
tion. They who know Him become immortal. As oil is found in lin-